



The Lyon Village

Bulletin

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How You Can Keep In Touch With Us

First, visit our website at www.lyonvillage.org. At this site you can find the latest news on community events and developments. This is your resource for breaking news, important meetings and changes in scheduling.

Second, let us know your know your opinions. This way your LVEC will know how you feel on the issues and what you would like to see in your Bulletin.

Please email brief comments to lvec2004@msn.com and be sure to identify your issue. Due to expected volume, replies are not likely, but your opinions will be circulated to the Executive Committee for review and action.

Thanks!

We want to make our work more responsive to you and to focus more fully on neighborhood and community issues. We will continue to pay close attention to development news, but we want to expand our focus on Lyon Village neighborhood issues. Give us your ideas.

We Need You!

At a recent review of local bar use permits, Lyon Village was represented by a single Association member: Bill Gearhart. Bill's commitment to LV and his tenacity in balancing the needs of the Village with the needs of the tax coffers are not to be challenged. He can't do it alone. What LV message does one person send to this and to other County meetings about the Village's commitment to shaping its future?

The LV Community Association represents you and me. It can only represent us if we take the hour or two a month to participate in some way in the process. Come on down and meet your neighbors, share your insights, and be a part of the democratic-in-your-own-backyard process.

LVCA Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party is preliminarily planned for Sunday, December 18, and it promises to be a fun event! Eric Ritland, Volunteer Coordinator is looking for helpers. Please contact him at (703) 868-8196.

School Boundary Changes

Please contact for information www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/northboundary.html

Message from the President

Monthly Meeting Monday, Oct. 11, 8pm at the Community House

This month's meeting will focus on candidates for the November local elections. A number of local candidates who are running for office will speak. This is your chance to ask questions and hear the candidates' ideas. Along with our Community Announcements, we will also have Doug Ross to speak to us about the North Tract Park (see related article below).

I would like to apologize for the very late date change for last month's General Meeting. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the monthly meeting date was moved to Monday, 9/20. We did not know at publication of the September bulletin that the Community House had already been booked for this date, forcing us to hold the meeting on Tuesday, 9/21. I am very sorry for the inconvenience that this caused.

This is your Association in support of you neighborhood. Add your Voice to the Meetings. See you there!

Local Development News

Clarendon Baptist Church Affordable Housing The Planning Commission will next hear this issue on Oct. 20 or 21, and the County Board on Oct. 23. Please turn out to make your voice heard. This project proposes a high-rise tower to replace the current church at Highland and Hartford streets to include condos, affordable housing and a new sanctuary for the church. This project exceeds the height and density for a site adjacent to a residential neighborhood and if approved will set a precedent. Lyon Village and nearby civic associations, are in favor of the affordable housing, but oppose the current height and density of the proposed tower. If you would like more information on this issue, contact Mary Renkey at mrenkey@verizon.net.

20% Reduction in Lot Coverage Being Considered A proposal to reduce the current allowable lot coverage of 56% will be considered by the County Board in December. For R-5 and R-6 zoned property, such as Lyon Village, it looks like coverage will be reduced to 45%. Most homes in Lyon Village are zoned R-6, minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet, though some are larger and a few may be smaller. It expected that some properties will become "non-conforming" if lot coverage is decreased. This will depend on what counts as "coverage."

As of this writing, staff has not finalized the list of what counts as coverage besides the footprint of the home. A proposal rejected three years ago by the Civic Federation also included garages, accessory structures and sheds (with and without foundations), paved and unpaved driveways and parking pads, pergolas with paved floors, bay windows with floor space, in-ground swimming pools, and covered porches. If you would like to work on a committee to assess the impact of the coverage restrictions on existing homes, please contact Bill Gearhart at 522-2276 or email the LVEC at lvec2004@msn.com.

CERT Presentation at September General LVCA Meeting

Tom Panther from the county's Community Emergency Response Team provided us with great a presentation on what we can do to be ready in an emergency, complete with information on his work in Florida this summer. He noted that Lyon Village is a strong neighborhood in that we have a good distribution system (through our terrific Bulletin deliverers) and have good connections with our neighbors (referred to as a horizontal connection) and the county (a vertical connection). Frances Scott Key school is prepared to serve as an Emergency Center in case of need.

Recent tornados and hurricanes, have clearly demonstrated the need for disaster game plans. These are more than fire escape floor plans and phone trees. They are a series of tasks that need to be carried out by the family team. To be prepared, make sure you everyone in your home knows how to call 911, what radio station to tune to, have plans for fire, tornado, hurricane, power loss and health emergencies. Homeland Security starts in your home. Plan, Practice and be Prepared.

Harris Teeter at Lyon Village?

As reported last month, there is a consideration for a Harris Teeter market at the corner of Washington Blvd and Irving Street. Currently, the developer is still acquiring land, so no plan is set. We are setting up a committee to evaluate this project. If interested, please contact markweiness@msn.com.

November Chili Dinner

Mark your Calendars. We're organizing a "Lyon Village Chili Dinner" on Saturday, November 13th, beginning at 6 PM. Volunteers needed to help. Call Martha Moore at 527-3782.

Lyon Village Directory

Ditty Boaz manages the very large LV directory. If you are a new neighbor or know of a one, please provide Ditty with the household names, address and phone number. She will verify the information by phone. Please contact her only by snail- or email DittyBoaz@aol.com. And Ditty, LV greatly appreciates your years of service to the community!

Lyon Village Women's Club

will sponsor a 2004 Holiday Home Tour in December. Anyone interested in supporting this effort should contact Claire at lwwc.com.

Attention Dog Lovers

For the safety and comfort of your neighbors, please do not allow your dog to be off-leash, except in a Community Canine Area, as required by the county. If your dog is more than four months old, the county requires that it be vaccinated against rabies and be licensed. The Animal Welfare League of Arlington sponsors a rabies clinic at 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive on October 28 and December 2. The vaccination is only \$7.00 per animal. Animal violations should be reported to the Dept. of Animal Control at 703-931-9241.

Liven Up the Campaign Season

Invite friends and family over to judge the candidates during the presidential debates that are set to air Sept. 30, Oct. 8 and Oct. 30. Campaign materials are available at: georgewbush.com or at johnkerry.com or at the Democratic campaign office at 3147 Wilson Blvd.

Editor's Gaffe

The Lyon Village Community Association dues are **\$8** (single) and **\$10** (family). Send checks (LVCA) to Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore Street, 22201. And if you already paid the lower fee, please chip in the extra couple of dollars.

Help For Hurricane Victims

Call the American Red Cross (ARC) at 703-206-6829 or send donations to ARC. Mark them Disaster Relief.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Training classes in October still have a few seats left. Learn how to assist your family and neighbors in an emergency. For information contact Arlingtoncert@aol.com.

Arlington Parks – An Investment Worth Making

This November, Arlington voters have the opportunity to approve a \$75 million referendum to develop and enhance Arlington's park and recreation facilities. This year's park bond issue authorizes \$50 million to create a major new Arlington park and recreational facility at the North Tract. The remaining \$25 million provides funds to redevelop and improve existing parks and recreational facilities throughout the county.

The Master Plan for North Tract includes a state-of-the-art aquatics center and fitness space; a multi-activity center (includes courts for basketball, volleyball and other sports, an indoor running track and racquet courts); four synthetic grass athletic fields; trails, playgrounds, and gathering places; a bicycle route connecting to the Mt. Vernon Trail; and a pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks to Roaches Run. Portions of the new park are expected to open by summer 2007. Information at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/ParksRecreationForumsNorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx> or by emailing County Planner Erik Beach at ebeach@arlingtonva.us. More information on the park bond is at: <http://www.pvvc.org/voteyes.html>.

Bringing Harmony to your Life

The approach of winter shouldn't reduce the music in your life. Among the many opportunities to try your hidden talent are:

The Arlingtones Barbershop Harmony Chorus, a national *a cappella* group invites men to join it Tuesdays, 7-10 PM, at the Gunston Middle School, Room 145, 2700 S. Lang Street. For more information or to invite them to entertain your group or party, call Carl at 7/521-9331.

Potomac Harmony Chorus, this women's award winning group ranges in age from teens to eighties and will perform "The Really Big Razzamatazz Vaudeville Show," 3:00PM, October 16, Thomas Jefferson Theater at 125 South Old Glebe Road in Arlington, VA. Want to join PHC? Go to www.potomacharmony.org. Singers breath deeply, it reduces stress!

Village Market

Free. County approved Compost Earth Machine. Reduce landfill and improve your gardens. No delivery. Call Netti 7/524-2040.

Rug. 5'5" x 7'10", Dalton made, Kirman style. Eggshell background with cranberry and Wedgwood blue patterns. Olefin easy-clean fiber. \$25. Call Marolyn 7/522-9074.

1992 Honda Accord LX. One owner, dealer-maintained, good condition, 174K miles. 8/04 VA inspection, CD player, sunroof, 5-spd. Manual transmission. Excellent car for au pair or student with extracurricular activities. Kelley Bluebook/OBO. Call Pat or John at 703-524-9892 eves' or Pat at 202-557-7557 days.

Sears X-Cargo rooftop carrier. New condition, best offer. Call Pat or John at 703-524-9892.

Ladder. 28 foot, aluminum extension—never used.

Cat door. Magnetically controlled, through-the-wall model

Tools for wood burners. Sears Craftsman, maul, sledge, assorted wedges, including grenade. Call Carlos or Karin at 7/522-2110.

Barcaloungers. Two mission-style, black leather, in excellent condition. \$450.00 each. Call Lynn 7/528-6051.

Mosquito Magnet Liberty and accessories. Used for two seasons. \$100 OBO. Call Mark at 7/883-6854.

2004 White House Ornaments: Arlington-based Potomac Harmony Chorus is selling and delivering these collectibles to your home. Priced at \$16.00. To order go to admaning@comcast.net or call 703-527-7729.

Rossingol 850 Skis: In cloth carrying case (excellent condition) with **SX71 Salomon Boots** (good condition). \$100 or best offer. Call Jo Ann at 703-524-0138.

**Support your Candidates.
Vote the Issues!**